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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DE., Jan. 7, 1904. Upon the application of Hannah E. Jones, Executrix of the late William H. Jones, deceased, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executrix aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the county of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate to present the same, or to file a bill of sale, in the office of the Register of Wills, on or before the 7th day of January, 1904, or to file a bill of sale in the same period in the Middletown Transcript, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of said office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Middletown, in said county, this 7th day of January, 1904, and year above written.

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE.

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The special train in which the party will travel from New York to Los Angeles will be composed of high-grade Pullman equipment, and will be in charge of a Pennsylvania Railroad Tourist Agent.

The round-trip rate, \$250, covers transportation and all expenses on the special train to Los Angeles, including a seat for the Mardi Gras Carnival. From Los Angeles tickets will cover transportation only, and will be good to return at any time within nine months, via any authorized trans-continental route, except via Portland for which an additional charge of \$15.00 is made.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, February 6th, 1904.

PRELIMINARY SKIRMISHES IN THE

Presidential campaign thus far have been decided satisfactory. Little is now

heard of "Hanna booms," and all discon-

tinued in Republican ranks is expected to

disappear after the delegates to Chicago

are chosen. The President has expressed

the wish that good men who are not

office-holders may be sent, and there are

plenty of such. The troubles of the

Democrats are so much greater than

those of the Republicans, that attention

is now largely concentrated upon that

party. The very existence of its prin-

ciples, says Burke Cockran, depend upon

its success in the pending campaign.

"The check and check-book" campaign

of Mr. Hearst is noticeable but it is not

likely to cause the White House to be

painted yellow for a generation to come.

Senator Gorman's troubles in Maryland,

in trying to land a senator of his own

choice, may yet relegate him to his syl-

van retreat at Laurel, Md., so far as

Presidential aspirations are concerned.

General Grosvenor, of Ohio, says Pres-

ident Roosevelt has put a star in the

crown of his administration brighter

than any American President has worn

for the past thirty years. Senator Fair-

banks is on the state for Vice President,

and if the plan materialize it will go far

towards solving the problem in Indiana.

Senator Fairbanks, made a long speech

on the 2d inst., vindicating the Pres-

ident's action in the Panama affair. He

maintained that the form of government

instituted in Panama after the revolution

was of no consequence; the essence was

did it represent the wishes of the whole

people. He would accept the President's

and Secretary Hay's word that the

United States in no way abetted or aided

the revolution, which was in the air, as

a result of Colombia's long tyranny. The

President had large discretion to do what

he thought best, and he acted from his

point of view.

Senator Foraker (Ohio) has introduced

a bill to amend the Interstate Com-

merce and Anti-Trust acts, so as to per-

mit contracts or combinations in restraint

of trade, if the restraint is reasonable. This

would leave the courts to say what is

reasonable restraint. The Senator con-

tends that to prohibit contracts in re-

straint of trade which are reasonable dif-

fers from the common law rule which

has obtained for centuries in England.

It is considered imprudent that this bill

will pass.

One of the jobs before Congress is the

bill to purchase the sequoia groves in

California. At the last session the price

asked was \$150,000. At this session it

has grown to \$250,000. Congressman

Wiley of N. Y., proposes to impose on

the Treasury the Bank of England rule

that paper currency once redeemed is

never to be reissued. By a vote of 39 to

20, the Senate has agreed to allow the

President to use his own judgment as to

what information might be given that

when asked for. The case of Sena-

tor Smoot, on trial for Mormonism,

comes up this week. He has no inten-

tion of resigning. The Interstate Com-

merce Committee is hearing arguments

on the Quarles bill which proposes to

give the Commission power to check ex-

cessive railroad rates. The House has

voted the sum of \$170,000 to pay to clerks

for extra services during the war with

Spain. Senator Foraker has introduced

a bill to purchase ten acres of land on

Meridian Hill, Washington, for \$750,000

on which to build a new and magnificent

JAPAN DISABLES RUSSIAN SHIPS

Three of the Czar's Warships are Hopelessly Crippled

JAPANESE LANDED TROOPS

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Japan at the very

outset of the war has struck her enemy

a blow the importance of which possibly

cannot be overated apparently deciding

in the former interest, the balance of

naval power in the Far East.

The Tarevitch which, with its com-

panions the Retzkan and Pallada, now

lies hopelessly crippled on mud flats at

Port Arthur was the finest battleship of

the Russian fleet and was regarded by

many as proof against torpedo attack.

But over and above this decisive stroke

at Port Arthur it is stated from two

sources that Japanese have also cap-

tured the first class cruiser Variag

(built at Cramp's) and a smaller vessel

at Chemulpo.

A number of foreign vessels lay at

anchor including the Variag and Tor-

pedo gunboat Korietz. Apparently they

did not expect an attack for when the

Japanese commander surrounded them to

land down the flags they were much

surprised and in view to the overwhelm-

ing strength of the Japanese they had no

alternative but to comply which they

did without firing a shot.

A Tientsin despatch says the Japanese

have landed thousands of troops in Port

Arthur without opposition. It is stated they

are 8000 strong at Chemulpo Sunday in the

presence of two Russian warships which

is reported, surrendered to the Japa-

nese naval commander of the squadron

accompanying them. These troops

marched forthwith to Seoul. All the

chief ports in Southern and Western

China also received contingents of in-

vasaders.

HEPTASOPHS IN SESSION

The annual convocation of the Grand

Conclave of Delaware, Heptasophs or

Seven Wise Men, opened Tuesday morn-

ing at 9 o'clock in the Smith building, at

No. 610 Market street, Wilmington. De-

legates were present from every conclave

in the state, and from Chester County,

Pa., which is included in this jurisdiction.

This is the first convocation which has

been held under the ritual which was

adopted at the last session of the Na-

tional Convocation, which was held in

Wilmington during the summer.

Routine business was transacted, and

the following telegram was sent to the

Grand Conclave of Maryland which was

meeting in Baltimore: "The R. W. G.

Grand Conclave of Delaware extends to</

WAR

The expected has happened and Russia and Japan have appealed to the arbitration of war. Tired out and patience exhausted by the interchange of demands, replies, counter-demands, etc., Japan recalled her minister and opened hostilities. The pro-Russians take issue with Japan for fighting a naval battle before making a declaration of war, and some of the French newspapers compare it with the destruction of the Maine. But neutrals believe that she was well within her rights.

The first battle, as was expected, was fought on the sea and resulted in a sweeping victory for the Japanese. The result has been that the Russians are surprised and staggered, while their opponents are correspondingly elated. A second such victory will leave Japan mistress of the Eastern Seas and free to land her troops. On the land Russia claims a great advantage, but she claimed an equality on the seas. Should the claims for her army result as has her naval claims the war promises to be short, sharp and decisive and the Bear will be suing for peace. While the Czar has an enormous army it is thousands of miles away from the line of battle and under the most favorable conditions, no more than 30,000 troops can be placed in Manchuria per month. And a large majority of his army cannot be spared to go there, if the transportation problem were solved. The Mikado, on the other hand, with the Russian fleet destroyed, can land almost his entire army in Manchuria within a few hours or days.

Another factor that will largely enter in the final result is the spirit of the two peoples. The Japanese are bright intelligent and active, their army is well drilled, and the people are enthusiastic in the desire to recover the territory which they believe the Russians cheated them of at the close of the Chinese war. The Russians, on the other hand, are dull, stupid and sluggish. While their cavalry is excellent and their army well drilled, the individual is ignorant, and he cares little for the cause. He is taught to obey orders and will fight to the death for the Czar. The Russian people are being kept in ignorance as to the actual happenings, and must be in order to keep the Revolutionists, Anarchists, socialists and other "ists" in subjection. Whatever the outcome, the war will be costly to both sides and might have been averted, had Russia been willing to concede any thing.

THE BALTIMORE FIRE

Baltimore has passed through the fiery furnace. For more than thirty hours, the flames which started at about eleven o'clock Sunday morning in the wholesale district, were absolutely beyond control, and for nearly twenty-four hours after they had been conquered, the fire still burned. Almost the entire business portion of the city was destroyed. The loss is probably in the neighborhood of one hundred millions of dollars, a sum so vast that it is hard to comprehend what it means. About three fourths of this loss falls upon the insurance companies and the latest advice is that no company will fail. This speaks volumes for the stability of these companies. Every previous fire of great magnitude has resulted in the failure of many companies.

While the loss at first numbed and staggered the business men of Baltimore, they have recovered their nerve and now begin to look on the brighter side. The burnt section is the old part of the city, and was miserably laid out. Narrow, crooked streets with small foot way abounded. The promise is made that these will be improved, widened and straightened. The buildings that are to be erected will be modern, and more beautiful than the destroyed ones.

The numerous messages of sympathy and offers of assistance prove that the world is growing every day in the spirit of brotherly love. Nearly every section of the world is represented in these words of hope and cheer. Even far off Australia was quick to cable her sympathy. No public appeal has yet been issued but it is expected that contributions will be asked. Money is

about the only thing needed, as no part of the residence sections were burnt and there is no suffering for food or shelter. If the appeal is made, the response will undoubtedly be liberal.

"FIRE PROOF" CONSTRUCTION

The Chicago fire tested and found struck of stone and brick walls, with structure with which all our cities were early full and at first wholly built of. The Boston fires of 1872 and 1889 tested and again found wanting the more solid edifices of a later generation built of stone and brick walls, iron floor, beams and pillars, and mansard roofs, often of timber, and always possessing much timber, even when the framing was iron.

The Baltimore fire has again tested and found inadequate the construction of the past decade and of to-day in which steel has taken the place of iron, and in the two or three "skyscrapers" gutted, rather than destroyed, a steel truss is substituted for the old wall, beam brick arch flooring of an earlier period.

The lesson of all this is not that "fireproof" buildings are not fireproof; but instead that every building is a compromise in construction, fittings and site, and is always, if made for modern use, not absolutely, but relatively fireproof. When a Roman architect built an edifice of brick walls, faced with stone, turned its floors of low tile and cement arches and covered his solid doors and shutters with bronze plates, he had built an absolute fireproof building.

No modern man could or would live in such a building. He insists on and in most buildings has a wooden floor and wooden treads covering the cement, on wooden doors and window casings, on a host of partitions with base boards and other wooden fillings, on furniture, also wood, and on floor coverings, like linoleum, soft to the foot and easily cleaned, but inflammable.

Collectively, in a great building, in a store or in any business block, these make the materials of a fire. They turn the "fireproof" shell into a vast stove, liable at any moment to be lit from without. If the structure is, like the "skyscraper," simply a vast basket-like truss, set on end, carrying the very weight of the stone walls which seem to support it, and only inclose and decorate it, then when this inflammable material burns like the wood in a stove, the structure itself will be left stripped but standing, as are those shown in our panorama of Baltimore.

But with the older buildings, constructed of stone and brick walls, with floor beams and supporting pillars, the heat of a fire instantly crumbles, destroys and lays low. The experiments made in Berlin in 1893, in 1896 by a group of societies in New York interested in fire prevention, and in 1899 by the British Fire Prevention Committee, all united in showing the amazing rapidity with which iron and steel pillars and beams bend and buckle if brought to a red heat by a very moderate fire. Any office building of the usual construction in use up to the "skyscraper" period has, even if "fireproof," enough inflammable material in it, if its contents once take fire, to twist its beams, warp its pillars and bring it down a helpless mass, of blazing doors, windows, partitions, floors, fittings and furniture.

If the modern "business section" were, however, built of even these two classes alone, its risk would be small and our fire loss would not be \$160,000,000 a year, or four times the loss now driving us aghast. A block in a "business section" has many mere timber, lath and pine-floored buildings of from twenty-five to sixty years old which are mere tinder and bonfires. When a great fire begins as these burn they apply a fire which brings down the larger and better buildings, if of iron, beams and pillar construction, or gut with fire the wood fillings of a "skyscraper."

What we Americans have really done is to build relatively fireproof buildings full of wooden conveniences, from a chair to a floor, in among older bonfire buildings, certain, if a big fire is ever started, to burn out all in the other buildings which can burn, and this is enough to cause collapse in almost any building with iron or steel pillars or beams built before 1890. As long as bad and good stand together, and fire insurance competition prevents the severe rates which would weed out the older buildings and building laws take no account of old fire traps, but let them stand, every business section is more less liable to a fire like that at Baltimore. That city had more of these old buildings than New York, but not more than Philadelphia. Phila. Press.

SASSAFRAS

Mr. Harry Simmons is suffering with lumbago.

Mrs. Frederick Robertson visited Sassafra on Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Merritt, of Goltz, visited Sassafra on Friday.

Mr. A. Wilson Cochran has been quite sick for the past week.

Mr. Louis P. Atwell was the guest of Mrs. Sheppard Morris on Tuesday.

Mr. Bayard Jones, of Wilmington, visited his home here from Saturday until Monday.

Skating was resumed here to-day and its fine since the recent return of freezing weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis C. Price were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffith on Monday.

Miss Bessie Gunkel, of Warwick, visited her sister, Mrs. John F. Ernest on Wednesday.

Messrs. Thomas Massey and Samuel Price were guests of Mr. Frederick Gressort on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phemias Jones are entertaining their daughter and Miss Minnie Smith, of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Atwell and son were the guests of her brother, Mr. Robert Johnston, near town.

Mr. Robert S. Griffith was entertained on Saturday by his son, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith at a family dining, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. H. Price, of near Warwick, were the guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ernest on Thursday last.

Mr. Robert S. Griffith and friend, of Pittsburgh-Pa., are being entertained by his sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Staats, near town.

Mrs. Rachel Stradley who has been on an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Murray, of Philadelphia, returned home on Thursday.

Mr. Robert S. Griffith was entertained at a family dinner on Sunday by his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Staats, near town.

Mrs. Robert S. Griffith visited her sister, Mrs. Agnes McCall, of Chester, Pa., several days last week, who is lying critically ill with pneumonia.

The business of Mr. John F. Ernest our popular merchant here has increased so much in the past year, he contemplates building an annex to his store.

Messrs. Samuel Price, Frederick Gressort, Thomas Massey and Senard Gillespie were the guests of Mr. John Dorsey, near Warwick on Friday last.

Mrs. John F. Ernest, Mrs. Frank Babbitt and Mr. Robert S. Griffith attended the funeral of Mr. Stephen Boyer on Tuesday and rendered some sweet singing during the services.

Mr. Johnston had his horse stolen from him on Saturday evening. He was at Dr. Scott's at Galena and some party unhitched the horse and took it, but fortunately Mr. Johnston found it below Galena on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lucas, formerly of Sassafra, but now reside at Mc. Pleasant, had a son who died at Philadelphia Hospital on last Wednesday. It is very sad, about this time last year he lost another son. Mr. Lucas is a brother of Mrs. John Cloutier of this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Robertson entertained at a leap year social on Wednesday evening last under the auspices of the M. E. Church and quite a neat sum was realized. There were over one hundred invited out to the elaborate supper and every thing served that constitutes an elegant collation. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson were untiring in their attention to make the evening's entertainment a success, and it was one of the most elegant functions served this winter, both financially and socially.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mr. John Banks visited Philadelphia last week.

Miss Elsie Karsner spent Wednesday in Elkton.

Mrs. W. G. Ray is visiting Mrs. James A. Boulden.

Miss Mary Boulden spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mrs. T. N. Lorraine has been visiting Wilmington.

Miss Evelyn Kibler is visiting Miss Hattie Morgan.

Miss Annie Young, of Bel Air, is visiting Miss Kay Price.

Dr. Harry Cleaver, of Wilmington was in town on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rees entertained at dinner on Saturday.

Mr. Frank Conrey, of Philadelphia, was in town last Wednesday.

Mr. John Piser, of near Warwick, visited relatives in town last week.

Mr. G. Oldham Massey, of Philadelphia, was in town on Wednesday.

Miss Evelyn Kibler, of Town Point visited Miss Florence Ege last week.

Miss Lucy Reed has returned from a pleasant visit with Marietta relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Benson and daughter, Helen, visited Wilmington last week.

Rev. S. M. Perry visited New Castle last week attending the trial of Rev. Mr. Elwood.

Mrs. Noble T. Biddle, of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting her niece, Mrs. G. S. Woolley.

Miss Katherine Ferguson is spending several days with Miss Mary Howard, at Randallia.

Mr. and Mrs. James Allen and Miss So-fra Barton are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Reed.

Thomas Hopper, of the U. of P. has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Hopper.

Mrs. Cecil Biddle, of near Newark, was buried at Bethel on Thursday. Mrs. Biddle was a daughter of the late Capt. John Young of this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Newbold Price entertained the Young Peoples Euchre Club on Wednesday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd McCay, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Vail, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rees, Mr. and Mrs. Byron N. Bouchelle, Mrs. Bennett Steele, Misses Little Woolford, Annie Young, Agnes Vail, Julia Sadler, Mary Steele, and Dr. Delmar Smithers. The prizes were won by Miss Woolford and Mr. H. V. Manlove.

TOWNSEND

Mr. Thomas Maloney spent Tuesday at Porters.

Mr. William Gill was in Middletown Monday.

Miss Margaret Weldon spent Saturday in Middletown.

Mr. J. E. Lattomus, of Clayton, spent Wednesday in town.

Mr. Archibald Finley, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Jacob Shalleross, of Dewey Park was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. D. P. Hutchison was a Wilmington visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Edward Reynolds and family spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Miss Myrtle Reed, of Clayton, spent Sunday with Miss May Hayman.

Mr. Joseph Pritchard and wife are visiting his father, Mr. I. P. Pritchard.

Mrs. B. W. Hutchison is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Martine Gibson in Kent Island.

Miss Mollie Lynam, of Middletown, spent Sunday with her father, Mr. David Lynam.

The teachers of the Townsend public school attended the Teachers Local Institute Saturday.

Paul Hodgson, infant son of Mr. Richard Hodgson, who has been sick is improving.

Mrs. Emma Hewes and son, Nestor of Delaware City, visited Mrs. Richard Hodgson this week.

Mrs. Addie Denning, of Red Lion, spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. Thomas Maloney.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Phillips spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. John Butler, near S. Georges.

Miss Katherine Katledge and her guest, Mrs. Leola Katledge, of Greenwood, spent Saturday in Middletown.

Miss Bertha Byron and Miss Amy McGuire, of Middletown, spent Thursday with Miss Catherine Hutchison.

Mr. David S. Lynam who has been farming on a farm near town owned by Mrs. Mary J. Daniels, sold his stock and farming implements at a public sale on Tuesday.

At the Annual Election of the Mutual Loan Association of Townsend, held Monday evening, February 8th, William H. Money, Daniel B. Maloney and William C. Money were elected.

Mrs. Voshell who has been sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Knox near town, died early Monday morning. The funeral services were held at the house at 10 o'clock the interment was at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna.

The Junior Epworth League of Townsend, held a clipping party on Friday evening, February 5th. Those present were entertained with songs and recitations by members of the League. Ice cream, coffee and Sand Wiches were served.

The classes 5 and 14 of the M. E. Sunday School are preparing a Play for the Valentine Association which was mentioned in our letter last week, called the Snuggles Family. There will be songs and recitations by members of the classes. If the weather is unfavorable Saturday evening it will be held Monday evening, February 15th. All are cordially invited.

SUICIDE OR MURDER

Sheriff Melvin of Dover, was notified by a relative of an unfortunate young girl that the reported suicidal death of Miss Estelle Allaband should be investigated. The young woman had been found dead in the garret of Albert W. Powell's house with her throat cut on Tuesday and Coroner Abbott of Kent County, held an inquest Wednesday and a verdict of suicide was rendered. Thursday morning State Detectives Ratledge and Francis arrived in Dover upon instructions of the Attorney General and accompanied Sheriff Melvin to the Powell home, which is on the Warren farm, two and a half miles west of Bowers Beach. As soon as they saw the victim they pronounced it murder of the foulest and most horrible manner. The young woman, who was considered good looking, was cut and hacked in a horrible manner, pieces of flesh even being cut

from her body. Her throat was cut from right to left, both arms had from 25 to 35 cuts and stabs, undoubtedly received in defending herself. There were three horrible cuts on top of her head and the face was bruised and mashed until she was unrecognizable.

A. W. Powell told the officers that when he left home Tuesday the girl was at the tub washing. He returned from Wyoming late in the afternoon, and as Estelle was not seen, he asked for her whereabouts. Mrs. Powell said she had not seen her since morning and did not know where she was. After quite a search he found the lifeless body in the attic of his home.

The officers have secured a great deal of evidence and will likely make an arrest to-day. The girl is the daughter of Theodore Allaband and a sister of Mrs. Alfred W. Williams. She has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Powell since childhood.

PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned discontinuing farming will sell at Public Sale, at her residence near Warwick, Md., on

Thursday, FEB. 25, '04

AT TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.,
The following Personal Property late of Geo. W. Lockwood, deceased:

5 HEAD OF Horses and Colts:

No. 1.—Miss Swain, bay mare, 6 years old, one of the very finest drivers in the country. Stylish, toppy, not altogether fearless of steam or trolley, but no bad traits. Hard to find a more showy or excellent animal.

No. 2.—Nixey, light bay colt, 4 years old, unbroken.

No. 3.—Madeline, bay mare, 9 years old, excellent driver.

No. 4.—Mag, bay mare, 15 years old, good driver and one of the best all around farm horses to be found. Safe, reliable, strong, enduring. Also a good driver.

No. 5.—Whisper, light bay horse, 10 years old, a good stylish driver and excellent work horse.

5 Head of Good Mules:

Nos. 1. and 2.—Jack and Jill, two fine young mules, coming 4 years old. These mules are of unusual value, well mated and strong.

Nos. 3 and 4.—Pete and Polly, two dark bay mules. Plenty of work in them yet.

No. 5.—Large white mule, 11 years old. Few mules equal this one. Thoroughly good, strong and reliable.

15 HEAD OF FINE CATTLE:

Among which are many that are registered on the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. Others are entitled to registry. Four Holstein Bulls. One Jersey Cow.

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This flock of Sheep are famous. Progenitors imported from England to be exhibited at Centennial. Can't be surpassed by none in America.

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Five farm wagons, in good order; 2 hay rakes; 1 McCormick Binder, 1 Pennsylvania Drill, 11 spouts, used two seasons; 1 Deering Mower, 1 Deering horse rake, 1 Steel roller, 1 U. S. Corn Planter, with phosphate attachment, in perfect order; 1 Sled corn cutter, 1 Randall harrow, 3 hand cultivators, 1 Orchard cultivator, 2 Siskley cultivators, 1 Corn sheller, 1 Grain fan, 4 plows, 1 Ward one-horse plow, 3 Peach wagon bodies with springs, 1 Cut-down Orchard wagon, 1 Twin Iron harrow, 1 York carriage, 1 Runabout, 1 horse, 1 Hay knife, 4 Ice hooks, 1 pair Ice tongs, four horse; 1 Seed sower, 8 horse collars, 8 work bridles, 6 good collar pads, 2 sets wagon harness, 8 sets plow harness, 2 Cross Cut saws, 4 grubbing hoes, 3 sets pulleys, (blocks) Bean and Pea, 1 Steel set of block and fall, (1 inch rope), 1 Dearborn body, 1 shank, Corn knives, Hedge knives, Cow chains, 1 Post hole digger, Double tree, Single trees, 7 horse blankets, Grain bags, Peach ladder, Hog trough.

TERMS OF SALE:

On all sums \$20 and less, Cash will be required. All sums over that amount a credit of Nine Months will be given by purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorser, interest added from day of sale. No goods to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

ADELAIDE MORTON LOCKWOOD.

Announcement

TO THE FRIENDS AND PATRONS OF THE DEVALINGER STORE:

ON account of the credit system used by the wholesale dealers of to-day I find it necessary to adopt a similar one for the governing of my credit trade. Therefore, on and after Saturday, January 16th, any person having an account with me will be required to make a settlement in full every thirty days. This term of credit is for the benefit of those persons who are employed by the month. Persons employed by the day or week will please make a complete payment once in every seven days. I feel positive that this system will prove most satisfactory to my customers and to myself. Of this I am certain, that it will enable me to sell the finest goods on the market at lower prices than were possible before.

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MILFORD, DEL.

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We are already facing the Spring business—selling quite a few of the new Overcoats—they're great!

Selling Spring goods so early makes us the more eager to sell what Winter goods we have. Is it better to sell now, at a lower price, or wait until next season and get full price? We weighed the whole matter very carefully. We'll sell now and be better able to grasp next season's needs when there is no stock to be carried to it.

Some of the bargains in the black Eskimo beavers, and other trusty black fabrics—\$25 Overcoats now \$18.00—\$22.50 Overcoats now \$17.50—\$20 Overcoats now \$15—\$18 Overcoats now \$12.

Some of the bargains in Oxford mixtures, in kerseys and friezes—\$16.50 Overcoats now \$12—\$15 Overcoats now \$10—\$12 Overcoats now \$8.50.

Some of the bargains in men's suits in dark fancy worsteds, silk mixtures, pin-checked worsteds, fancy chevots and black chevots—\$20 Suits now \$14—\$18 Suits now \$13.50—\$16 Suits now \$12—\$15 Suits now \$10—\$12 Suits now \$8.50.

Some of the bargains in fine worsted Trousers—\$7.00, \$6.50 and \$6.00 Trousers reduced to \$3.75. Striped worsted Trousers, big money's worth at \$4.50—reduced to \$3.00.

Some of the bargains in men's odd woolen Vests—450 Vests at 50c and 75c, cut from small ends of cloth, worth \$1.50 to \$3.

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Preparatory to the influx of our Spring Goods. Below are noted a few Bargains:

Men's fleeced lined Underwear, 50c kind, 35c
Children's ribbed Underwear, sizes 20 to 26, now 8, 10, 15c
A few Flannel Shirt Waists, regular \$1.25, now . . . 50c
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Ladies' Eiderdown Sacks, Regular 50 and 75c kind, . . . 25c
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 North Bound—3.30, 7.54, 8.30 and 10.27 a. m.;
 4.15 and 6.05 p. m.
 South Bound—1.10, 1.40, 3.31, 8.31 and 11.40 a. m.;
 2.56, 4.14 and 7.50 p. m.
Mails Close as Follows:
 Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.05 a. m., 3.50 p. m.,
 6.15 p. m. and 9 p. m.
 Going South—8.10 a. m., 4.35 p. m., and 9 p. m.
 For Odessa—9.30 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 5.00 p. m.
 For Warwick, Cecilton, Barville and Sassafras—9.40 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 13, 1904.

Local News.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. Ingraham's.

Dr. W. E. Barnard, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

For Sale—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.

Owing to a slight accident at the electric light plant Thursday evening the town was in darkness for a half hour.

STABLE FOR RENT.—The large stable of the late Dr. L. S. Vallandigham, on the corner of Main and Scott streets, is now for rent. Apply to W. R. R. Parker.

The \$1 mark was reached for wheat at Chicago on Wednesday, when carloads of winter wheat sold for 100 cents a bushel, the highest price paid since 1898.

FOR RENT.—The dwelling now occupied by John Dawson, corner of Main and Scott streets, is now for rent. Apply to M. E. Parsons, 25th, 1904. Apply to M. E. Parsons, 25th, 1904.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending February 12th: Miss Rena Luckerman, (two) Felix Caffey, (two) John Jones.

FOR RENT.—The dwelling on East Main street, adjoining the M. E. Parsonage, is now for rent. Apply to M. E. Parsons, 25th, 1904. Apply to M. E. Parsons, 25th, 1904.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 3.30 to 5, and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

Miss Martha Hogg fell into a doze while sitting by a stove at the farm house on the family place near Glasgow, one night last week. Her clothing caught fire but her brother came quickly to her aid and put out the blaze.

Guy Brothers' Minstrels drew a large crowd at the Opera House Wednesday evening. During the many years this company has been on the road it has always had a first-class show, but the program this season surpasses all previous ones.

At the meeting of the State Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., which meets in Dover on the 16th of this month, County Commissioner M. N. Willis, will in all probability be elected Vice State Councilor. Several of Mr. Willis' brother members are hustling in his behalf and will make a strong fight at the meeting for his election.

"Farmers of Thoroughfare Neck, declare that they never saw the prospect for a wheat crop so poor as at present, and it is feared that there will be an unusually short crop this year. It is claimed by old residents of Thoroughfare Neck that the soil is much more productive after a cold winter than a mild one. Our most experienced fruit growers are of the opinion that fruit buds are uninjured, and the prospects are unusually favorable for a good crop."—Smyrna Times.

The next entertainment in the Star Course will be given at the Middletown Opera House, February 23rd by Ellwood, the Magician. Here is what Charles R. Towson, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Philadelphia says: "Ellwood certainly sustained the enthusiastic reputation you gave him as an entertainer. We have had some superior magicians appear at various times, but I consider Ellwood the peer of them all. Many of his tricks were new and he is extremely clever, both as magician and artist. His entertainment pleased our people immensely."

Subscribers very frequently complain when bills are sent them that they did not know they were in arrears and that they should have been notified sooner. The label on the paper which you receive weekly gives your name and address and the time up to which your subscription is paid. You have a better opportunity to keep track of it than the publisher, and with a weekly reminder there is no excuse for not knowing how your account stands. Subscribers will please note this and if you are indebted to THE TRANSCRIPT don't wait for a bill to be sent. Make your remittance when due. To send out bills monthly would entail a vast amount of unnecessary clerical work and postage. Pay in advance and keep in advance. It is your interest as well as ours.

There was a splendid attendance at the Opera House Tuesday evening to hear the concert of The Ariel Quartette, the third of the series of the Christian Endeavor Society Star Course Entertainments. The Quartette was decidedly the best of the series and made such an excellent hit with their appreciative audience that every number on the program was encored. The most applause was given to Miss Kathleen Leavitt, the violinist, whose renditions were very fine and artistic. Miss Mabel Monaghan, the first soprano, was also a popular favorite during the evening. She possessed an unusually sweet voice with a clear range, which she reached with ease and grace. The Emotive Plastique of Miss Mackenzie and the Japanese song by the quartette were features that provoked applause. In her emotive plastic Miss Mackenzie exhibited fine dramatic talent. She recited beautifully a passage from "Ben Hur" and her recitation entitled "Bill Smith" was as funny as could be.

The Leather Workers Union, a local organization composed of the employees of the J. C. Parker and Son Company, celebrated their first anniversary in the Opera House on Monday evening by giving a banquet to a large number of invited guests. The affair was a great success, and the tempting menu was greatly enjoyed. The musical and literary program was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Lena Pleasanton; Reading, "Minnehaha," Miss Annie Addicks; Solo, "I'm wearing my heart away for you," Miss Estella Suydam; Reading, "The wife of a London Slum," Miss Katie Vannant; Piano Solo, Miss Lena Pleasanton; Solo, "Down upon the Farm," Miss Estella Suydam. Re-

freshments as a substantial nature were served, after which the members and invited guests adjourned to the Lodge room, where speech-making was the order. Mr. J. C. Parker acted as toast-maker and responses were made by Messrs. W. R. Parker and Theodore Lenhart.

CHURCH NOTES

Bishop Coleman will be in town on Wednesday evening next and will preach in St. Anne's Church that evening at 7.30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend and hear him.

Wednesday next is Ash Wednesday, therefore the beginning of Lent. The Lenten season is observed in commemoration of Christ's forty days' fast and as a season of special penitence and preparation for the Easter feast.

The New Century Club will give a Birthday Tea, as a sixth year anniversary of its existence on Tuesday evening next in the club room from 7.30 to 10 o'clock. An interesting program will be rendered. All members are cordially invited.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow is: "Real Friendship." 1 Sam. 1-23. Mrs. J. L. Shepherd, leader.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow is: "What will real friendship do?" 1 Sam. 20:1-23. Miss May Holten, leader.

The Missionary Anniversary next Sabbath morning at Bethesda M. E. Church promises to be an occasion of interest. The pastor will deliver an address, but the children will have a large place on the program. Be sure to come and hear their speeches and songs. The pastor will preach in the evening.

The Y. W. C. T. U. of this town will give a social in M. E. Parsonage Monday evening, February 15th. The Y's are preparing a very interesting program, one feature being a colonial tea. Be sure and come and assist by your presence and return of the little sock in making the evening a success both financially and socially. Refreshments will be free and a good time is promised to all.

There is to be a Temperance Mass Meeting at Bethesda M. E. Church next Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a local temperance alliance. Dr. Moore and others will deliver addresses. All friends of temperance are cordially invited to attend. This meeting will be non-partisan and un denominational, and we hope that all of our citizens will encourage this reform movement.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Owing to the general conditions in business circles and the close cash basis on which wholesale merchants are doing business, we the undersigned Merchants of Middletown deemed it fitting in order to better serve the public at large to organize on January 1st, 1904, "The Merchants Protective Association." The object of which is to protect ourselves against fraudulent customers, and to establish a basis of credit, which will enable us to serve each and all our several customers in the different lines of Merchandise the best at lowest and cash prices. And it has been unanimously decided by the association to earnestly request all credit customers to make weekly and monthly settlements so that the above object may be obtained and all concerned materially benefited. Believing this will meet the approval of the public in general we are Very truly,

WM. BROCKSON, PRES.
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 W. T. CONNELLEY, TREAS.
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OBITUARY

Stephen Boyer, Jr.
 In the death of Mr. Stephen Boyer Jr., the people of Sassafras, Md., lose one of their best and most highly respected young farmer. Mr. Boyer had been in poor health for several months, and during the past year took a trip South, but finding the change of climate didn't relieve him returned to his home near Sassafras, East Fall. He had been growing much weaker for the past month, and his death which occurred on Saturday evening last was not unexpected. Deceased was the only brother of Mrs. Bessie Vaughan of this town, and a nephew of the venerable Stephen Boyer, who also resides here. Funeral services were held from his late residence on Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock, interment being made in the family burying lot near Massey's.

In Memoriam
 Herbert Lucas aged 6 years, son of William T. and Alice M. Lucas entered into rest February 2d, 1904. After the funeral services Friday morning at the residence of his parents near Mt. Pleasant, interment was made in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Bohemia Manor, Md.

Herbert a sleep with white flowers in his hands, He'll wake, and remember, and understand That mamma gave them, as he left her door, To live with the angels forevermore.
 Mamma.

Sales to Take Place

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1904.—Public Sale of Stock, Farm Implements, &c., by Thomas Lattin, on the farm known as the Collier Farm, near Dexter's Corner, 4 miles South of Townsend.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23d, 1903.—Public Sale of Stock, Farm Implements, &c., by Edward Hart, on the "Parvis Farm," one mile northeast of Mount Pleasant. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1904.—Public sale of Stock, Farming Implements, &c., personal property late of George W. Lockwood, deceased.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3d, 1904.—Public Sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Isaac Green, Jr., on the "Burgess Farm," on the road from Fenimore's Bridge to Norrey's Corner. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. James Hall was in Baltimore Monday.

Miss Florie Owens, is visiting Wilmington friends.

Jacob Metts, of Chesapeake City, was in town on Thursday.

Mr. Bacon Hyatt, of Smyrna, visited friends in town this week.

Dr. Robert Cornegys, of Smyrna, visited his parents on Sunday.

Mrs. Ida McCrone and daughter Fannie, have returned from Baltimore.

Miss Elizabeth Short, of Clayton, visited Miss Jennie E. Jones this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Walker, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in town.

Messrs John and Frederick Crouch spent Friday in the Quaker City.

Miss Katie and Carrie Droll were in Philadelphia several days this week.

Mr. T. R. Atkins, of Philadelphia, is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. T. Wyatt.

Mr. Isaac Hallan, of Wilmington, was the guest of friends in town Sunday.

Messrs. Jesse L. Shepherd and John S. Crouch were in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. Groome Steele, of Chesapeake City, was the guest of friends in town Thursday.

Mrs. S. E. Honston and daughter Miss Myrtle, are visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Grant High and son, of Washington, D. C. were in town Thursday.

Mrs. M. B. Burris and niece, Miss Susie Arthur, spent several days this week in the Quaker City.

Mr. W. H. McDonald, of Durant Indian Territory, visited his aunt, Mrs. M. J. Darlington on Sunday.

Miss Grace Styles and sister, Mrs. Lake, of the city of Brotherly Love, spent several days this week in town.

Mrs. L. G. Sterner, of Camden, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker, has returned home.

Mr. Joseph P. Cornegys, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cornegys, on South Broad street.

Mr. William Smith and Miss Emma Townsend, of Townsend, were quietly married at Bethesda M. E. Parsonage Wednesday evening by Rev. C. T. Wyatt.

MIDDLETOWN SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

The Middletown Shooting Association held their first shoot for the Parker gun on Thursday and Dr. W. E. Barnard lead the bunch, but Bro. Martin forced him through the entire heat, and likewise forgot the rest of the field. At this period of the shoot things are very equal, but some of the members must do some fancy work or something will happen.

The handicap as arranged by the club has held scores down considerable, and has evened things to a great extent. On the 23d club will hold its next shoot, and no doubt some good scores will be made, as most of the shooting will be done at low tide mark.

Several of our sister towns have organized gun clubs and have been troubled over making some high scores, and want to try the locals. We extend an invitation to clubs to shoot at our grounds as we can no doubt arrange a team shoot most anytime.

Following is the standing of those who have participated in the "gun shoot":

	1	2	3	4	Per Cent
Dr. Barnard	29	18	16	22	72
M. B. Burris	15	18	16	21	70
S. E. Massey	22	14	20	14	70
G. Massey	20	15	19	11	65
E. J. Steele	30	14	20	8	62
W. B. Kates	19	12	15	13	59
Duryea	14	13	22	10	59
H. Pool	17	17	15	49	
Steven3	15	15	15	44	
F. Pool	12	18	15	30	
H. Black	17	17	17	17	
Dr. Pearson	16	17	17	16	

CECILTON

John Anderson is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. M. E. Clayton visited friends in town last week.

James H. Smith is spending a few days with friends in Baltimore.

Miss Mame Jones has returned from visiting friends in Still Pond.

Miss Pauline Dushane has returned from visiting her sister in Still Pond.

John W. Taylor visited his son and daughter, of Philadelphia, last week.

Messrs. Edward Mattax and Artemus Messick are spending a few days in Elkton.

Miss Minnie Messick entertained a few of her friends with "Pi" on Saturday evening last.

Miss Mollie McCoy, of Elkton, spent from Friday to Monday with her parents, J. P. McCoy and wife.

Miss Helen Schrack, of Germantown, has returned to her home after spending sometime with her friend, Miss Emma Lusby.

Invitations are out for a Leap Year dance in the Mechanics Hall on Monday evening February 15th, by the ladies of Cecilton.

Mrs. Catharine Megee died on Saturday morning after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held in the chapel on Monday, at 1 P. M. Interred in Cecilton cemetery.

A luncheon box social will be held in the Parsonage by the Sunday School class Number 10 on Friday evening, February 19th. All are cordially invited. Ladies bring boxes for two.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to the numerous requests of my friends I have decided to be a candidate for County Commissioner from St. Georges Hundred, and take this opportunity to inform my friends and the public that I will greatly appreciate any favors shown me by them. I use all honorable means to secure the nomination, and if successful promise the tax-payers of this district to do everything in my power in their behalf. Thanking you all for past favors, I remain,
 Very truly yours,
 THOMAS E. HURN.
 Middletown, Del., Jan., 12th, 1904.

ADVERTISE IN THE TRANSCRIPT.

WARWICK

Mr. J. S. Merritt, Jr., spent Sunday at Gots, Md.

Mr. Vernon Litsinger returned to Baltimore on Monday.

Mrs. Letitia L. Smith has been quite ill during the past week.

Miss Miram Litsinger is confined to her room with the La grippe.

Mr. Amos Wilson was a visitor in Wilmington during the past week.

Miss Bessie R. Merritt is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Elwood Williams.

The Rev. Ernest Litsinger has been at the parsonage during the past week.

Mr. E. E. Marsh is able to be out after spending several weeks in his room.

Geo. P. Staats, of the National Hotel, Middletown, Del., spent Sunday in town.

Lost his belt after all. We would advise you to subscribe for some local paper.

Mrs. Urie P. Ginn was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Verena L. Vinyard last Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Stradley spent on Saturday until Monday with her parents at Cecilton.

The latest report that we have from Mrs. E. E. Marsh is that she is very much improved.

Edgar Goldsborough who has been quite ill with the whooping cough is convalescent.

The racing at Townsend last Friday will long be remembered. Teddy the first taking the lead.

J. Harry Holden was the guest of his sister, Mrs. George Moore at Chesapeake City last Sunday.

Kenneth Price has accepted a position in Wilmington, Del., and left for that city last Monday.

Quite a number were in Middle-town from Warwick to witness the Guy Brothers' minstrel.

Mrs. William T. Vinyard and Mrs. H. M. Eaton were the guests of Mrs. A. D. Short last Sunday.

Mr. R. Delbert Aiken, of Delaware City, was the guest of Mrs. Amos Wilson on Sunday and Monday.

Senior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting next Sunday evening at 7.15 o'clock. Preaching at 7.45 o'clock. All are welcome.

Mr. Hamlen Bouchelle was called to the bedside of his brother who is critically ill at his home on Bohemia Manor last Sunday.

Miss Minnie Smith and Miss Daisy D. Day are contesting for a large cake to be given away by Washington Camp, No. 8, during their Festival and Bazaar.

Mr. R. B. Merritt is still receiving letters from Mr. R. B. Polk and we almost feel confident that the trolley will get as far as Warwick anyway by September 1st.

A set of fine carriage harness will be changed off the last evening of the bazaar and festival. See if you are not the lucky one. Twenty-five cents a chance—they are worth that many dollars.

Diphtheria is raging in one part of Warwick among the colored people. At this writing one death has been reported. We are not able to say whether the board of health have been notified or not.

Quite a number from town attended the entertainment at Middletown last Tuesday evening, given under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society. They report it up-to-date in every particular.

ODESSA

Miss Helen Eaton is spending a few days with her parents at Warwick.

Mrs. J. M. Armstrong entertained Miss Hannah Wilson, of Townsend this week.

Mrs. Emma Heller, of Wilmington, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Heller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Keen, of Newark, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Clayton Cleaver.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., of Middletown, preached in the M. E. Church on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Marie Ford, of Newark, N. J., is spending sometime with her father, Mr. C. Watkins, Sr.

Mrs. George Halin entertained Misses Carrie and Lima Bendler, of Port Penn, on Saturday last.

Rev. J. M. Arters accompanied by his father, Rev. J. A. Arters, were Wilmington visitors Tuesday.

Miss Beniah Crossan, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. W. W. Taylor and wife.

Rev. L. H. Lallet visited Port Penn on Tuesday evening and preached in the Presbyterian Church of that place.

Rev. J. A. Arters, of Crumpton, Md., spent a few days this week with his son, Rev. J. M. Arters, and preached in the M. E. Church on Monday evening.

Mrs. George W. Davis entertained the Woman's Home Missionary Society on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Jennie C. Collins, of Smyrna, was present and gave a very interesting talk. Mrs. W. A. Rhodes and Miss Emma B. Eccles were elected delegates to the annual convention to be held at Wilmington in March. After business refreshments were served which was much enjoyed by all.

BOHEMIA MANOR

Mrs. Annie B. Berry is spending this week at Viola.

Miss Eva Deane spent Saturday and Sunday in Elkton.

Mr. Edgar Ellison, of Wilmington, is the guest of his parents.

Miss Hallie Gray, of Laurel, is spending sometime at her home here.

Miss Myrtle Berry, of Middletown, spent Wednesday at her home here.

Mr. Claude Beeson, of Philadelphia, is being entertained at the home of Mrs. George Rhodes.

Miss Elizabeth Swing, of Philadelphia, spent several days last week with her parents at Town Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Kathrine Loraine, of Chesapeake City.

Mr. George Templeman is very ill at the home of his parents, at Pivot Bridge, suffering from appendicitis.

Mr. Walter Neff and sister, Miss Mary Neff, of Sassafras, were the guests of Messrs Ella and Florence Berry on Sunday.

ST. GEORGES

Edgar Carrow spent Monday in Wilmington.

Miss Anna Stewart paid a visit to Wilmington on Monday.

H. C. Buckson and James Roberts visited the Baltimore fire on Monday.

Mrs. John Moore has returned from a two weeks visit with relatives near Middletown.

John Crompton and wife spent Thursday with F. P. Vanhickle and family near town.

Joseph Pritchett who has had a blacksmith shop here for the past year has moved to Townsend.

Don't forget the Valentine Party at the C. C. Club House this Saturday evening. Admission five cents.

William Haman, wife and daughter, of State Road, were guests of her parents, George Swain and wife on Wednesday.

Miss Harriett Carrow and her guest, Miss Bessie Webb are spending a few days with Miss Bessie Davidson near Kirkwood.

Arrangements are being made for a grand entertainment to be given in the near future for the benefit of the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Allen left for the South on Monday where he will spend the remainder of the winter. Mr. Allen will visit relatives in New Jersey.

The Bible class will meet at the C. C. Club House on Monday evening with Mr. John Crompton as leader. Come and enjoy an evening with the Bible.

A number of friends called at the residence of J. W. Carrow, Jr., near town on Monday and reminded him that he had reached the forty-fourth year in his life journey.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Roberts returned from a ten days wedding trip on Wednesday. After spending a short time with her family, they will leave for their new home at Kenton.

It was with deep regret that we heard of the death of W. N. Wilmetton, of Chester, Pa. He had made a great many friends here having been a summer visitor for several years.

The birthday party given by the W. C. T. U. in the C. C. Club House on Saturday evening was a great success in every particular and great credit is due Mrs. George Hill for her untiring efforts. The solo's by Mrs. Edgar Carrow and Miss Della Moore and the reading by Miss Alida Price were enjoyed by all.

GOES TO PITTSBURG

"A large party of friends of W. D. Paynter, who has been connected with the Provident Reserve Health and Accident association, of this city, and later with the Pittsburgh Sick and Accident Union, after the merging of the two companies, called at his residence, 1008 Walnut street, Thursday evening and accorded him a pleasant surprise in the form of a handsomely engraved pair of cuff buttons. The evening was most pleasantly occupied with music

